

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2083  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2083 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create drug-free zones around facilities that offer housing, shelter, or other assistance to homeless individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and The Institute for Human Services. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that homelessness continues to rise nationally and within the State, and that substance use remains a significant factor contributing to homelessness in Hawaii. Because of this correlation between substance use and homelessness, homeless facilities offer a critical point of intervention but also a convenient target for those in the drug market seeking to take advantage of community members when they are vulnerable. Your Committee further finds that by creating



criminal penalties and clear enforcement authority for drug distribution and possession with intent to distribute on and within seven hundred fifty feet of homeless facilities, this measure seeks to deter dealers from targeting highly vulnerable populations and reduce drug activity around places intended for the provision of essential housing and services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services &  
Homelessness,



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LISA MARTEN, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HB 2083</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>HSH, JHA</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>2/10/2020</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MARTEN, Lisa (C)	X			
2. OLDS, Ikaika (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez		X		
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy		X		
5. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.		X		
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		X		
7. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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